

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle seat comprising:  
a seat back with a seat back support, and  
a head support attached to the seat back support by a connection element,  
wherein the head support defines an impact plate on a side facing a  
vehicle passenger with a basically flat area assuring secure retention of a head of  
a vehicle passenger during an accident, and

an element aligned in the seat back, the element having a base facing the  
vehicle passenger, a pair of sides that receive the connection element, and an  
open side oriented away from the vehicle passenger to an area behind the motor  
vehicle seat,

wherein the impact plate is positioned for limited swivel movement  
around a horizontal swivel axis so as to guarantee two-dimensional contact  
between the head of the vehicle passenger and the impact plate during the  
accident, and

wherein the swivel axis of the impact plate is positioned in the vicinity of a  
~~location of said~~ of the contact of the head of the vehicle passenger on the impact  
plate.

17. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein said swivel movement is limited to a 15 degree range, ~~so that, independent of the position of the impact plate, two dimensional contact of the head on the head support is guaranteed during the accident.~~

18. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein the connection element is curved.

19. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 18, wherein a radius of the connection element and alignment of the connection element relative to the seat back support is selected so that, independent of the position of the seat back as well as the head support, the head support provides a support of the head in a forward deployed position in relation to ~~the~~ an upper body of the vehicle passenger.

20. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein the element aligned in the seat back support ~~has~~ is a transverse traverse with a U-shaped profile.

21. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 20, wherein the ~~U-shaped profile has a base and two side flanks, and wherein the~~ base is longer than the side flanks.

22. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 21, wherein the transverse traverse has ~~at least one receptacle~~ a pair of receptacles for the each connection element.

23. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 22, wherein ~~the~~ each receptacle is made in one of the side flanks.

24. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 20, wherein areas of the transverse traverse facing sides of the seat back are inclined to the front.